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## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A fiber incorporating a nucleic acid, wherein the nucleic acid is immobilized on and/or in the fiber.
2. A fiber alignment comprising a bundle of the fibers according to claim 1.
3. The alignment according to claim 2, wherein the fibers within the alignment are regularly arranged.
4. The alignment according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the bundle of fibers comprises 100 or more fibers per cross-sectional  $1\text{cm}^2$ .
5. The alignment according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein the type of nucleic acid is different in respect of some or all of the fibers.
6. A slice of fiber alignment of any one of claims 2 to 5, which intersects the fiber axis of the alignment.

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